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POSITIONS, WITH THE GSO POSITION BEING GIVEN PRIORITY. SMITH WILL RETAIN OVERALL ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND BE MY PRINCIPAL ADVISOR ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BUT HE WILL ALSO HAVE THE NECESSARY STAFF TO SUPERVISE ROUTINE OPERATIONS DURING WHAT WILL BE A VERY IMPORTANT AND BUSY PERIOD AS WE REESTABLISH RELATIONS. IF WE HAVE A FULL-SIZE MISSION AT THE TIME OF SMITH'S TRANSFER, WE CAN REPLACE HIM AT THE SENIOR LEVEL; OR IF WE DECIDE THAT TWO OFFICERS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION IS A SUFFICIENT NUMBER FOR A SMALL EMBASSY OR INTERESTS SECTION OPERATION, AN FSO-4 LEVEL POSITION IS ABOUT RIGHT AND THE GSO OR B&F OFFICER COULD BE NAMED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IF EITHER ONE IS SUFFICIENTLY WELL QUALIFIED. IN THIS CASE SMITH WOULD NOT BE REPLACED.

AS REGARDS THE B&F POSITION, WE MUST ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE FISCAL ACTIVITY AS OUR LARGE HOLDINGS OF EGYPTIAN POUNDS (OVER ONE HUNDRED MILLION) ARE PUT TO USE. SMITH HAS HAD TO RELY HEAVILY UPON EGYPTIAN STAFF OVER THE PAST YEAR AND ONE-HALF TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING, BUT HE AND I BOTH BELIEVE THAT THE FUNDS INVOLVED AND THE "NORMAL" BUSINESS PRACTICES THAT EXIST HERE DICTATE THE NEED FOR A RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN OFFICER DIRECTLY IN CHARGE OF THE BUDGET AND FISCAL OPERATIONS. THIS OFFICER COULD ALSO SERVE AS PRINCIPAL CERTIFYING OFFICER THEREBY PERMITTING A BETTER SEPARATION OF FUNCTIONS.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE NEW REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE, WE

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REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT FILL THE FOLLOWING VACANT POSITION:

14-5530-009, POLITICAL/ECONOMIC OFFICER FSO-3

THE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC OFFICER WILL SERVE AS CHIEF OF THE  
POLITICAL/ECONOMIC UNIT AND SHOULD BE AT FIRST SECRETARY LEVEL

3. OVERALL PRIORITY FOR FILLING POSITIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. BOTH COMMUNICATORS
2. POL/ECON SECRETARY
3. GSO
4. POL/ECON OFFICER, FSO-3
5. POL/ECON OFFICER, FSO-5
6. BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER

4. ABOVE REPRESENTS FIRST STEP WHICH SHOULD MEET OUR NEEDS  
IN PRESENT US INTERESTS SECTION CONFIGURATION. SHOULD FULL  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BE RESUMED AT ANY TIME, WE SHALL OF  
COURSE REQUIRE FURTHER AUGMENTATION. EVEN WITH AFORE-  
MENTIONED ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, WE MAY ON OCCASION REQUIRE  
TDY HELP DEPENDING UPON SITUATION. THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLICITY  
TO THIS MODEST INCREASE IN USINT STAFF.  
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